



## TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

### Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022

Approved March 9, 2022

**Voting members present:** Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Mark Barbadoro; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt.

**Voting members absent:** None.

**Non-voting members present:** Keshava Srivastava, Finance Committee; John Neyland, Economic Development Committee; Simon Corson, Town Planner.

**Others present:** Mary Jude Pigsley, Regional Director and Marielle Stone, Deputy Regional Director of Water Resources, DEP Central Region; Rachel Stevens, DEP; Corey Godfrey, LELWD Water and Sewer Superintendent; Russ Dion, Campanelli; Diana Lipari, Select Board.

**Public participation:** There were 13 public participants.

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its regular meeting on February 15, 2022, online in accordance with COVID-19 policies, using the Zoom meeting application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

**1. Approval of meeting minutes.** The Committee approved the minutes of January 11, 2022, as amended, by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Fox, seconded by Clemence).

**2. Correspondence.** None noted.

**3. PFAS update.** a) DEP updated the Committee on well testing and regulatory requirements for public water systems and private wells. Jeff Glidden urged the Town to provide treatment for the Town Hall well; b) WRC updates: Clemence noted more data were available on the state's EEA Data Portal, but some Public Water Systems no longer reported raw water monitoring results, and their results were generally non-detect if they were treating PFAS.

**4. WRC article for Feb 28, 2022 STM.** Fox summarized the article. Janet Connolly recommended a comprehensive 21E evaluation, beyond minimum requirements.

**5. WRC article for May ATM.** a) CPC recommendation voted Jan 6, 2022; b) discussion and vote on recommendation: The Committee approved its CPA article, as amended, by a vote of 4 to 1 (moved by Clemence, seconded by Lynch). The town has submitted an Expression of Interest for funding under the state Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, which could supplement or replace CPA funding.

**6. ARPA grant update.** Fox reported on a revised ranking of proposals, based on new review procedures. There are no water projects, except for MS4 stormwater permitting work.

**7. New source exploration update.** a) Scope of work for retesting HSC: Fox reported that counsel reviewed the scope and that MassDOT's contractor is now reviewing it; b) Campanelli update: Campanelli is supportive of access to HSC.

**8. Potential articles for annual town meeting – discussion.** a) Land acquisition: See agenda item 5 above; b) Consultant: Services could include PFAS management and preparing grant applications; Lynch suggested preparing an article to be safe, and Schmitt suggested an annual appropriation; c)

Water Commissioners: The Committee probably won't pursue this. Article recommendations are due March 9.

**9. Meeting venue discussion.** The WRC will continue to meet via Zoom.

**10. Future meeting schedule.** The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:30 PM (avoiding a conflict with the Finance Committee on Tuesday).

**11. Adjourn.** The Committee adjourned at 10:37 PM on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Barbadoro, seconded by Schmitt).

**List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting.** Draft meeting minutes for January 11, 2022; DEP PFAS maps; draft article for CPA funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryon Clemence, Clerk